

Site Inspection report of the Conservator of Forests, Northern Forest Circle, Manipur for the project proposal for diversion of 24.001 ha of forest land under Kangpokpi Forest Division for improvement and upgradation of Road Section of NH-39 from Kuraopokpi to Nilakuthi (308.729 Km) into 4-lane by the NHIDCL:

I, along with the Divisional Forest Officer, Kangpokpi Forest Division and concerned Range Officer had inspected the proposed site for diversion of 24.001 ha of Unclassed forest land in Kangpokpi Forest Division for improvement and upgradation of Road Section of NH-39 from **Kuraopokpi (287.00)** to Nilakuthi (308.729 Km) into 4-lane by the NHIDCL on the 25th February, 2021.

The proposed area is moderately dense Unclassed Forest and forest type is East Himalayan Sub-Tropical Wet Hill Forests (8B/C1) which is classified as Eco-class-I as per Order dated 28/3/2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, passed in the WP (C) No. 202/1995. The main species occurring in the forest area are Quercus species, Castanopsis spp, Bauhinia purpurea, Schima wallichii (Ushoi) etc with an average density of about 60%. The area is hilly terrain with moderate slope and protection measure such as protection/retaining wall shall be required at vulnerable points to avoid land slips during rainy season.

The site does not form part of any protected area i.e. National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Conservation Reserve and Community Reserve and does not fall within Eco-sensitive zone. Barking deer, Jungle fowl, wild pigeon, wild boar etc are reported from the area. There is no protected archeological heritage site, defence establishment or any important monument in the area.

The User Agency has not violated provisions of FCA, 1980 as on the date of inspection of the site.

Imphal, the 26th February 2021



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